Worms make delicious new treat

By DAVE DEROCCO
Staff Writer

A man in St. Catharines may have an answer for those people who are constantly seeking new taste sensations:worms.

Robert William Butch, who earns his living as a chef in St. Catharines, has been using worms in some of the food he eats at home for almost two years.

"Worms are delicious," he says with a smile. "They're also a very good source of protein."

Mr. Butch first became acquainted with the use of worms in food on a trip to France with his wife, Sandra. A friend, who is also a chef, secretly got them to eat worms while serving the unsuspecting couple supper.

"He offered us some hors d'oeuvres, which were just delicious," Mr. Butch said. "Then he told us they contained worms. Mr first reaction was to stick my hand down my throat, but after some consideration, I realized it was really good."

He said most people tend to attach a certain stigma to any unfamiliar food. In some areas, however, worms are as much a novelty item as chocolate-covered ants or grasshoppers, the well travelled chef said.

"Besides," he added,"a lot of scientists have been telling us for some time insects may provide a portion of our food in the future. They're certainly abundant, cheap, and they do have good nutritional value."

And just how does a chef— or as he prefers to be called, culinary artist extraordinaire—prepare the little creatures for cooking?

"First, they have to be cleaned inside and out, much like you would clean a fish," he said. "Then they are baked in the oven at a high temperature until crispy. Once they are cooked they can be crumbled up just like you would bread crumbs."

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NIAGARA COLLEGE of Applied Arts and Technology WELLAND CAMPUS LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

Top athletes

Carolyn St. Angelo and Jim Voisin were named athletes of the year at the 12th annual Athletic Awards banquet held April 15 at the college. Carolyn was recognized for her outstanding play in varsity basketball while Jim won the award for his play in varsity hockey.

(Photo by Jiggens)

'13.8 million increase

OSAP funding increases, students to contribute more

Students will get more financial help from the Ontario government this year — but must contribute more from their summer earnings.

Dr. Bette Stephenson, minister of colleges and universities, announced a 16.4 per cent increase in funding of the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) April 7 to a total of $98.2 million for 1981-82. Of the amount $4.2 million has been set aside to meet increased tuition fees. This is an increase of $13.8 million over this year.

Maximum grants for independent single students living away from home will increase from $1,000 to $1,100 per term or semester. Under the grant plan independent single students are students who have worked for three years in the work force and are no longer expected to be receiving parental support for post-secondary education costs.

Since most students attend college or university for two terms each year, students will be eligible for up to $2,200 in grants, the announcement said. This is an increase of $200 over previous years.

The personal and living allowance for single students living away from home will increase from $72 to $77 per week under Ontario's grant plan. The loan criteria will allow for an increase in the allowance to $86 per week.

The maximum allowance for books and equipment will be increased by 20 per cent for both the grant and loan plan.

Under new requirements the minimum contribution expected from students will increase from $50 to $60 per week. Students who are unable to locate a summer job can appeal this minimum. However, they will be required to document their employment search.

OSAP assists more than 82,000 students annually. The province expects to issue about $25 million in Ontario Student Loans during 1981-82.

Art students display work exhibition great success

By WALLY WIENS
Staff Writer

Enthusiasm and satisfaction reigned supreme at the Hennepin Art Gallery on the evening of April 10.

The Grand Opening, as envisaged by instructor Ken Cosgrove was a success.

Oil paintings, water colors, pastels, pencil drawings and photography, the work of fine arts students of Niagara College, covered the walls of the Art Gallery spilling over on to the surrounding halls.

Dr. Samuel Railton, a Welland physician and former Liberal member of the provincial parliament for Welland-Thorold, officially opened the exhibition. He congratulated the board and staff on their efforts and commented on the professionalism of the students' work.

About 385 guests, including Mel Swart, New Democrat member of the provincial legislature for Welland, viewed art work that showed talent, originality and variety.

The art exhibition, which involved the fine arts students, continuing education students, media students and fashion arts students, was open from April 11 to 24.

Fashion Arts students contributed Indian and comtemporary design.

Pottery and weaving was done by continuing education students and silk screening by media students.

Richard Pellisari, a first-year fine arts student, has several works on display. He likes detail in his art which is why he does serigraph.

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Mischievous students celebrate, decorate horticulture centre

Garlands of toilet paper festooning old ivy-covered halls may not be everyone's idea of beauty, but it seems to appeal to horticulture students.

Friday, April 10, was the last day of classes for the Niagara College horticulture program in St. Catharines.

Whether spring fever struck, or simply "school's out" exuberance gained the upper hand, the class of '81 left its mark on the building and surrounding bushes and trees.

Passers-by on Niagara Street Saturday morning saw the work of dedicated hands: streamer upon streamer of white, pink and blue toilet paper fluttering in the April breeze. The garlands were everywhere: in the ivy on the building, in the tops of trees and tied around the smallest plants in the garden.

Francine St. Amand, a horticulture student who was working in the school's greenhouses Sunday afternoon, said, "It was like a fairyland! Really beautiful."

Peter Mansfield, co-ordinator of the horticultural program, said, "What decorations? We see nothing."

The real attention-grabber was the pale blue bedsheet hanging from the awning, inscribed with the words: "Big or small, We prune all, Class '81."

By Sunday, however, the initial effect has worn off somewhat, and the streamers had fallen prey to wind, and birds with an eye for nesting material.

Francine said, "It did look nice. It's a mess now."

She said she was not among the artistic few, but "had I known about this, I probably would have come out and helped."

Francine said, "It wasn't done with the intention of vandalism. It was done to look cute."

J-students win contest

Top honors in Niagara College's third annual literary contest were won by three journalism students.

Cynthia Janzen, first-year journalism, won the essay-writing category with a research paper entitled China as it is: Getting past the propaganda.

Alison Bailey, second-year journalism, was the winner of the poetry division with Canto: Renditions of Society.

The short story category went to James Belyea, second-year journalism, with his submission Dear Pete.

Runners-up were Bev Bingley, a general business student, in the essay category and Linda Dugay, first-year journalism, and Deborah Pont, library technician, in poetry. The winners were announced April 21.

Organized by Ray Matthews, James Nicholas and Gary Webb, and judged by members of the English faculty, the contest was divided into categories of fiction and non-fiction.

Mr. Nicholas congratulated not only the winners and runners-up, but also all who entered the contest.

"At a time of concern about deteriorating standards of written communication, it is refreshing and encouraging that there is still a lot of literary talent among students at Niagara College," he said.

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President reports

Successful projects completed by college

Jacqueline Robarts, president of Niagara College, believes that one of the administration's biggest accomplishments this year is the purchasing of the new computer, the Digital VAX 780.

The new computer will handle academic and administrative needs. It has four times greater line storage, 10 time greater memory and can support three times as many terminals as the old computer. It cost about $500,000 and will be ready for use by next September.

The introduction of micro-computers in L14 of Lundy Building for the teaching of Basic by the math department and the school of technology was a breakthrough in that students have a computer to themselves with which to work, Miss Robarts said.

Six new apprenticeship programs were approved by the ministry to begin during the next year. The decision adds six courses to the technology and business programs and an expansion to the machine shop from 15 stations to 40 was needed to accommodate them.

The initial expansion cost $400,000 and another $1,200,000 will be spent in the next few years to further expand the shop to 60 stations. Several numerical control machines will also be purchased in the future at a cost of $250,000 to $500,000 each.

The college has assisted in the setting up of NITAC (Niagara Industrial Training Advisory Council) which is a number of industries and businesses in the Niagara Region. NITAC assists business and industries in setting up employer-sponsored training programs and gives advice on how to lower the critical shortage of "skilled" tradesmen.

The administration submitted to the ministry for approval several bilingual programs during the past year. Bilingual tourism was started in September, 1980, and a section of the early childhood education program is to be offered in French in September, 1981.

The Marine Emergency Duties Training Centre was opened in Port Colborne this year. It provides a three-week course which trains ocean and lake ship personnel in firefighting and ship safety. "It is the only one in Ontario and one of three in Canada," Miss Robarts said.

Niagara College staff started a newsletter and christened it "Niagara Grapevine." The paper is put together by John Muto, Bea Ferguson and Dr. Nora McCardell.

The administration consolidated the continuing education services and put it under the directorship of Eugene Gillies.

"Previously each school was responsible for continued education, but now they are in one building and under one director," Miss Robarts said.

There was also the completion of the integration of adult training into the four schools. This was to provide the same leadership for programs that are similar.

The fifth Celebrate Canada Festival was noted as a success and the Niagara College Open House, held last November, was attended by about 3,000 people.

Miss Robarts feels that administration did well this year and believes it will do just as well, if not better, next year.

New executive

Pat Della Valle, [centre, back] is the new president of the Niagara College Administrative Staff Association following a mid-April election. Other officers, [back, left to right], are: Doug Campbell; John Muto, vice-president; John Coles and Stephen Kees. Front, left to right, are: Barbara Fonfara, secretary; Mary Cunningham; Margaret Freeman, treasurer; and Rosemary Kuhnigk.
(Photo by McKeown)

For practical experience, tourism students visit Mexico

Mexico in March was perfect for second-year students of tourism, tours and attractions. Each year a trip is planned by the students as a practical exercise in organizing group-tours.

"The trip is to familiarize students with a popular tourist destination," Neil McGregor, program co-ordinator, said. "You can't sell something if you don't know anything about it." Each year students gain practical experience in selecting and inspecting hotels, arranging transportation, and organizing and managing group-tours through airports and customs.

The students drew up a brochure like those given in travel agencies including airplane schedules, accommodations and sights-to-see.

After all the work of organizing the trip, 22 students and Mr. McGregor left March 28 for four nights in Mexico City and three in Acapulco.

The highlight of the tour was Teotihuacan, site of the "Pyramid of the sun," outside Mexico City.

Aside from the tours the students enjoyed a glass-bottom boat cruise, para sailing, dancing, Italian cuisine and shopping. "The Mexicans love to bargain," one student said.

Cost per student was $540 to $590 depending on accommodation. Entertainment and meals were extra.

Worms

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Mr. Butch said he uses the worms in anything from oatmeal cookies to a light sprinkling for a salad instead of bacon-bits.

"But my favorite is whitefish florentine, a recipe my wife picked up when she lived in Portugal," he added proudly. It was my idea to spice it up with worms.

Since he and his wife are vegetarians, Mr. Butch said they often try all kinds of bizarre foods. He said there are some health food stores in Toronto that sell pre-dried worms, the kind he says, with a laugh, "you can really sink your teeth into." In times of dire need, however, he can be seen worm-hunting in his spacious backyard on 12 Weston St. in St. Catharines.

Mr. Butch said he would like to open his own restaurant some day that would serve unique dishes.

"But I think the people of St. Catharines aren't ready for the type of restaurant I have in mind." he said. "Besides, they're all too obsessed with Big Mac attacks and hot and juicy chili."

Mr. Butch, who is friendly by nature, said there is only one thing he cannot really understand.

"My neighbors keep on turning down my invitations to supper."

Ken Tobias, Canadian recording artist and composer, performs at Telethon '81. The fourth annual telethon was produced by second-year RTV students to benefit Participation House.
(Photo by B. Wilson)

Pledges total $6,000 at RTV telethon

By CARMEN LEGER
and SUSAN POAPS
Staff Writers

Telethon '81 raised more than $6,000 for Participation House — Niagara region, a home to be built in Welland for severely-handicapped adults.

The total was short of the $15,000 goal set by radio and television (RTV) and Participation House for the fourth annual telethon held Sunday, April 12, in the RTV studios, Niagara College. The 12-hour event was broadcast on cable TV throughout the region.

Producer Robert Shields said, "I am pleased with the way things went. The telethon is great practical experience.

Robert shares the satisfaction felt by RTV students that the objectives of "increasing awareness and changing attitudes about the handicapped" were fulfilled.

"High inflation in the area definitely affected the total pledges given,"Robert said.

Guy Montreuil, assistant producer, said he expected fewer viewers than previous years because of the competition from programs such as the space shuttle, Masters golf tournament and hockey play-offs. But, "technically, it was the best telethon," he said.

HIGHLIGHT SHOW

Appearances by Sherisse Laurence and Ken Tobias highlighted the telethon.

"They were the best part of the show," Guy said. "They livened up the people."

Second-year RTV students worked 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with no shifts off, as in previous years, "because it's our project"Guy said. Guy worked on camera, sound, switching and studio directing during the telethon.

Mel Swart, MPP Welland-Thorold, donated $50 and challenged all other political members to match his donation. Mr. Swart commended all those involved in this "worthy cause." He said he understands the desire of the disabled to be independent since two of his closest friends are handicapped.

Community groups volunteered their services; St. Catharines Carleton United Church women took telephone pledges, while Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 4, Welland members worked on security.

Prophetic lecture

Vlaicu Ionescu, former professor at Munich University, will speak of the Prophecies of Nostradamus in the Hamilton Room Friday, May 1, at 8 p.m.

Dr. Ionescu translated and interpreted the prophecies which were originally written in French.

The prophecies span the time between 1555 to today and include the future.

Admission to the lecture is $2.50.

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New SAC members discuss three topics at first meeting

The Rose Festival, orientation week, and the year-end bash were the topics discussed at the first general meeting of the Student Administrative Council (SAC) held April 14.

Joe Gualtieri, SAC president, said SAC has approached the Board of Governors for sponsorship of a Niagara College float in the Rose Festival parade. Joe said he was told by the chairman to approach the board formally and with an estimated cost of the float.

Joe said SAC was planing to attend a "float workshop" on April 15 and then report to the board on the details.

Carrie Cunningham, vice-president of external affairs, went to the meeting but found no one there. Mary Croce, SAC secretary, said Carrie might have gone at the wrong time or perhaps the meeting was cancelled.

Joe told the divisional representatives present that SAC has come up with two possible themes for the float and is open to suggestions from students.

One possible theme is to have the college represented by the college hockey team which won the International Collegiate Hockey League Championship. Another theme would be to have the college and its satellite campuses represented.

Joe said SAC will go back to the board because SAC has "some ideas to make the float less expensive and reusable."

FALL PLANS

Orientation week is in the works for next fall. Joe said SAC "has already sent out letters to colleges and universities to find out how they go about it." Orientation week includes a welcome wagon, pub night and generally a welcome to the college for new students.

In addition to creating a liaison between students and school, SAC wishes to create a liaison between SAC and administration.

Joe said the position of programmer is being considered for this liaison.

Administration is "pretty keen on the idea," he said. The programmer would be hired by administration and "probably in June so he'll be ready for next year."

The final topic discussed was the year-end bash organized by the former SAC to be held April 29.

Al Chonka, former vice-president of internal affairs, said the bash will be held at Uncle Sam's in Canada.

ECE program receives bursary

A St. Catharines day-care centre, run by a Niagara College graduate, has established a $50 bursary at the college, to be awarded annually to an Early Childhood Education student.

ABC Daycare owner Brian Chisholm, who employs six Niagara College graduates, said the bursary will be awarded to a student who shows a fine knowledge of early childhood education in field practice.

Mr. Chisholm, 25, a 1978 graduate, established the bursary because he wanted to "help those students who have to work hard to achieve good marks."

"Some just don't have to work as hard as others," Mr. Chisholm said.

The bursary will be presented in June.

ABC Daycare, located at 527 Carlton St., in the basement of Carleton United Church, was opened in August, 1978, by Mr. Chisholm, along with co-graduate, Marita Emminger, 23.

Mr. Chisholm said they have a capacity enrolment of 53 children, ranging in age from two to five, and are in the process of looking for a second location. He credits his success to good service.

"Once people find a day-care centre that is good in their eyes, they tell others," Mr. Chisholm said.

Australians visit college

The Early Childhood Education course at Niagara College has attracted the interest of Australian colleagues, half-way around the world.

Margaret Hamilton, program co-ordinator, said Brian Briese, an instructor with the College of Advanced Education, Queensland, Australia, was interested in the course because of its unusual method of combining practice with theory.

Mrs. Hamilton said the course involves having pre-school age children right on campus as part of the program instruction, as well as serving the community and teachers as a day-care centre.

Mr. Briese, and his wife, Corrine, were visiting the college this month to establish a teacher education program.

"They were surprised to see us combining practice and theory together," Mrs. Hamilton said. "I thought it was really interesting to exchange information with them, and it was fascinating to be working with people half-way around the world."

Mrs. Hamilton said they would be exchanging course outlines and general correspondence.

"I would love to go on a teacher exchange program if we could work it out," Mrs. Hamilton said.

Taxpayers in dark

Cardiac course for public would save lives

By LINDA DUGUAY
Staff Writer

People would be amazed to learn that 50 per cent of deaths in Ontario are due to heart-related problems, Frank Adamson, co-ordinator of the ambulance and emergency care program at Niagara College, said.

People don't have heart attacks where it's convenient. They have them in the company of friends and relatives and these people are the ones with the opportunity to save their lives if they know what to do.

Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or at least a heart-saver course should be taught at the high school level, he said.

"Seattle has an extensive CPR program for the lay person. Of 500,000 people in Seattle, 200,000 have been trained in one-man CPR, obstructed CPR, the recognition of signs, and the risk factors of heart attack. It's only a four-hour course and is offered to the public at no charge.

"Twenty-eight per cent of people'clinically dead' of heart attacks survive compared to one, maybe two per cent, tops, in Ontario." Mr. Adamson said clinically dead means that the heart has stopped and there is no respiration, but the brain is not yet dead.

Mr. Adamson said a first-aid course could be taught in the upper grades of the primary schools and CPR could be implemented as part of the physical education program at the secondary school level.

The problem is in funding, he said. Instructors would have to be trained, and equipment, bought. Mannequins required for teaching CPR cost $1,500 each.

The ministry of health is already bogged down with more expenses than their budget allows for.

"If the public wanted an extensive CPR program for the lay person, the ministry would budget for it, but the public doesn't know where the problems lie. Why spend the taxpayer's money doing something to help a situation he doesn't know about? If you're going to tell them about it, you've got to be prepared to do something to improve it."

At the same time, how can people know the situation is bad unless they are informed? It's a vicious circle, he said.

Mr. Adamson said the fault cannot be placed with the ministry or the public.

"If anyone is at fault, it's people like us who know better and sit back complacently doing nothing. Nurses, ambulance people, doctors, and the Ontario Hospital Association should be the ones involved in educating the public."

LONG-TERM BENEFITS

Long-term benefits would make a public CPR program worthwhile.

Municipalities can set up programs at their expense if they so choose, but interest is slack. Those in a position to offer public education, such as the ambulance service, don't have time during regular hours, and the ambulance service cannot afford to pay attendants to teach heart-saver courses.

In Seattle there is extensive public promotion, and courses are taught by trained firemen during slack time. In Ontario that cannot be done, Mr. Adamson said.

"Although they have time to run courses, they're not trained. In St. Catharines, I am aware of only one fireman out of 170 who knows CPR."

Mr. Adamson said he is trying to set up a CPR training program with the St. Catharines fire department and the Niagara Regional police department has asked the ambulance service to teach all sergeants CPR.

"It's a good step but I don't know what they'll do with it since it's the man on the street who needs it."

A CPR program for the lay person is offered by Heart Niagara, a non-profit organization in Niagara Falls. The cost is $20, which pays for instruction, a text and all pertinent teaching aids.

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Editorials

Repent and enjoy

Ah summer. A symbol of a beginning as well as an end.

It's the end of those fun-filled weekends with a stack of books and a pot of hot coffee; the end of catnaps in the lounge to catch up on the sleep lost on the night before and the end of creating all those choice adjectives devised for the sole purpose of describing that certain subject.

It's too late to finally get down to work on that 3,000-word essay that was due in February or open that English book that the class did seminars on last month. It's too late to meet that girl or guy who's been the object of all that drooling throughout the year and it's especially too late to stop procrastinating and go skiing at Blue Mountain or ice fishing on Georgian Bay for the weekend.

True, there are a lot of things it's too late to do, but with the warm weather here, we can do all the things it was too late to do in the fall.

Now's the time to shed those extra pounds accumulated for winter warmth and dig out the shorts and T-shirts we've only dreamed about for the last nine months. All-night beach parties, frisbees, barbecues and camping will dull the memories of tests and homework just enough to create enthusiasm for the fall term. Well, for a little while anyway.

Dolly Kushmier

Canada leads-finally

In February, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau visited a number of countries in Southeast Asia, North Africa, and Western Europe to drum up support for his North-South dialogue. The goal of the dialogue is to strengthen the relationship between developed and developing countries.

Our global village consists of two distinct neighborhoods. The underdeveloped South contributes 76 per cent of the village's residents. The North, an affluent, obnoxious brat, consumes more than three quarters of village energy with a meagre 24 per cent of the population. The village cannot survive with such a gash in its economic abdomen.

Canada is doing something about it. An all-party task force investigating North-South relations has recommended to the House of Commons concrete and practical policies which will bridge the gorge between Canada and developing countries.

Our image of the poorer countries of the world must change. Terminology is important. Confining nations with a suppressive term such as "the third world" is purely detrimental to the economic prosperity of the village.

Distance changes nothing. The neighborhoods are closer than one might think. By maintaining trade with developing countries, northern nations gained an average of 900,000 jobs every year from 1973 to 1977. During the 1980s, Canada will be soliciting bilateral relationships with many developing nations, such as Mexico, Brazil, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, and all the southeast Asian Countries. This symbiosis will provide economic stability throughout the village.

The form of assistance to developing countries must be a practical give and take situation. "Investment (not charity) in the well-being of the poor is frequently the best economic investment a country or the world can make," reported the Parliamentary Task Force on North-South Relations. The shipments of milk, rice, and wheat cannot continue indefinitely. Many aid supplies surface on the black market thanks to the infantile greed of corrupt government and public officials. What the South needs from the North is education. Training will enable the poorer countries to establish world markets in raw materials, and more important, manufactured goods.

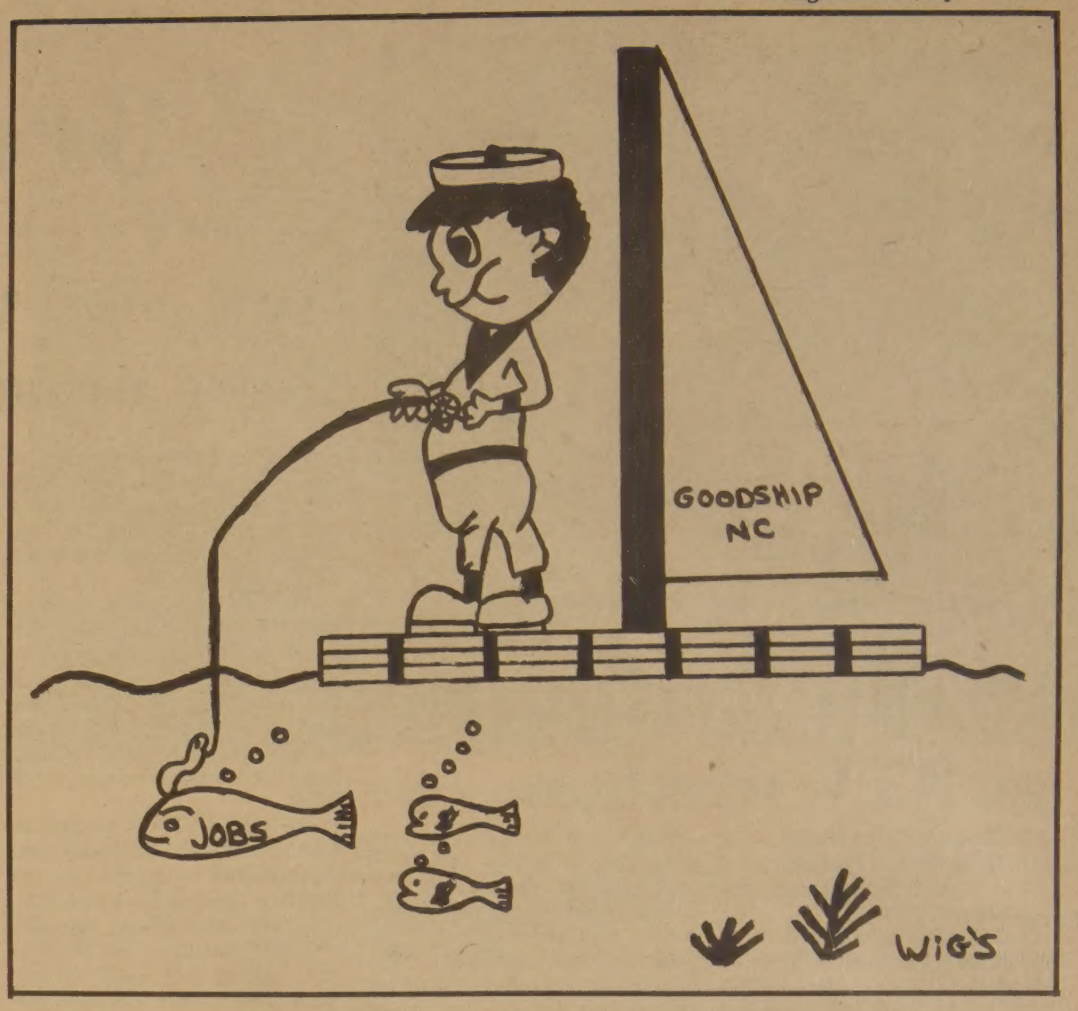
Public support and world awareness is essential. Many people rarely look beyond their own sticky web, and even less seem to care. The Task Force has recommended the Canadian Government allocate one per cent of Official Development Assistance to inform and encourage the involvement of Canadians in the North-South dialogue.

The sustenance of life concerns four billion people. The neighborhoods must work together to create an egalitarian village.

In July, 1981, an economic summit of seven Western industrialized countries will be held in Canada. First on the agenda will be the North-South dialogue.

For once Canada is stepping out from behind Uncle Sam's pantleg, and taking a leading role in an international problem. Canadians should be proud.

Ian Wilson



Bullpit

Share thoughts, feel better

By BETTINA JACKEVICIUS
Staff Writer

Get in touch with what or whom you are angry at and let that anger out. Release that bottled up rage and anger that has gone inward. Share your thoughts with someone you trust.

Rather than express the anger in a direct and appropriate way, many people subconsciously repress it. The outcome? Depression.

Everyone is prone to ups and downs of mood and self-confidence. Each person has guilt kept private and his own secret knowledge of failures and failed possibilities. But depression is more than feeling frustrated, discouraged or simply sad. It is more than "getting up on the wrong side of bed."

Serious depression is something more. Those who are depressed experience many types of depressed symptoms over a period of time, for weeks and often longer. Depression may interfere with normal, every-day functioning.

MAY DISRUPT

Depression may disrupt one's normal routine. One may eat more than usual, or perhaps can't bring oneself to eat much of anything. Sleep patterns are disrupted. One may sleep all the time, or have trouble falling asleep. One who is depressed may find it difficult to concentrate on school work, and can lose weight drastically.

A depressed person is suffering from a disease. Not cancer, not incurable, it is not even physically painful. Where there could have been joy in life, the depressed person experiences unending sadness. They feel anything from the "blahs" all the way to hopelessness and suicidal thoughts.

ARE WAYS

Sad, depressed thoughts can seem difficult to handle at times. But there are positive ways of dealing with the pain.

One must remember that one's situation is not hopeless. Everyone has gone through depression at one time or another and has survived it.

Most depression comes and goes throughout life. It is a normal reaction to the ups and downs of everyday living.

The next time you are feeling low, don't think of depression as a bottomless pit. It is a tunnel and there is light at the end.

Editor's Mailbag

Dear Editor:

We wish to take the time to thank Ed Kerrigan of Niagara Frontier Caterers for his terrific service, thoughtfulness, friendly disposition, and even wise cracks this past year.

The summer will not be the same, Ed, without you here to entertain us. One of the things we all do look forward to in the fall is your return. Have a great summer.

The girls from S-210

Dear Editor:

(re: IEEE Technical Awards Night)

My congratulations to the IEEE executive and co-ordinators for once again presenting a well organized dinner, and a most successful technical presentation.

It makes me proud to be part of this great college when such sincere effort is put forward to recognize the work of the students.

Pat Della Valle

State terror reigns

By ANDREW DRESCHEL
Staff Writer

Any state which uses the pit and pendulum method of persuasion and suppression wears the black mask of an executioner, according to Amnesty International.

Niagara group 108 of Amnesty Internationa, an apolitical, world-wide organization dedicated to the abolition of torture, capital punishment and unjust imprisonment, quietly reaffirmed this strong conviction before a gathering of about 50 members and guests in the St. Catharines Collegiate April 14.

Niagara action group 108, which meets once a month, was formed in 1979 by chairman Eugene Cherniak in co-operation with Bill Bell, chairman of Hamilton adoption group one. With an active membership core of 20 persons, group 108 is linked by its commitment to the organization's principle of the sanctity of human rights with 500,000 members in 130 countries.

At the April meeting, Mr. Bell asked the Niagara branch to support his group's efforts to gain freedom for Mykola Rudenko, a Ukrainian man of letters and a monitor of the Helsinki agreement, who is imprisoned in the Soviet Union.

Mr. Rudenko is doubly damned in the eyes of Soviet authorities because he was once a member of the Communist Party. He is being held on charges of "anti-Soviet propaganda and slander."

Amnesty International applies pressure on offending governments, whether on the left or right of the political continuum, by organizing letter-writing campaigns and petitions.

Though Mr. Bell admits Soviet prisoners of conscience are usually released only through quid pro quo exchanges, he said Amnesty International "can substantially improve conditions" for prisoners by awakening the world to their plight.

Mr. Cherniak said some regimes are "very sensitive" to publicity.

Tabernacle of time

This ancient barn located in Effingham, was used as a church by local farmers in the late 19th century. The structure is 100 years old, and is still a sturdy monument of bygone days.
(Photo by Walters)

Burglar-proof homes on IEEE report

By PATRICIA JAMES
and VITTORIA MISITANO
Staff Writers

A computer-operated alarm system, using a light beam to moderate whether a home is burglar proof, was demonstrated at the sixth annual technical report night.

This was one of six written reports presented at the technical report and banquet night April 7, sponsored by the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE).

With the aid of diagrams and slides, Scott Murchison, third-year electronic engineering student, described the techniques he used in producing his alarm system.

Heat loss detection by John Janssen used a computer to help measure heat loss in a home.

DC to AC inverter, which changes the direct current voltage from a battery to ultimating current voltage as it is detained in a household, was by Dino Ruscitti.

Brian Thiessen demonstrated his electronic frost detection alarm system for fruit growers.

Second-year technician students , Steve Lucescu and Anthony Petrecca, demonstrated how to get a television to sh. w computer characters, by using a microcomputer CRT character generator and display controller.

The technical report is a formal written report on a technical subject relevant to electronics, computer or electrical technology. The content of the report was supervised and Evaluated by Joe Kopec, technical adviser, and Pat Menon, English instructor.

Although no prizes were awarded, all participants received certificates of merit by Mr. Kopec.

A question period followed each presentation, which enabled the audience to participate.

110 ATTEND

About 110 people attended the banquet and report night including Jacqueline Robarts, college president.

"IEEE works consistently throughout the year," she said. "It's a tremendous experience for them.

Other guests included board members, faculty, Hamilton branch of the IEEE, parents, students, and advisory committee.

"The advisory committee is very important to the program," James McLaughlin, chairman of the board, said. "It's made up of people who help steer and guide course content."

GREAT EVENT

Richard Copeland, chairman of the comittee, who is from Solar Company in Hamilton, said the annual report night is great. "It teaches what is going on in the world."

The event was organized by the second-year technology students. Special credit was given to Bruno Allard, master of ceremonies, and organizer of the event.

"A month of work went into it," Mr. Allard said. "The hardest that I found was to discipline myself to schedule the time involved in preparing and doing my homework."

Dr. Gordon Chen, technology instructor, said the best technical reports will be entered in the Canada-wide technical competition in Calgary in May. He attributes most of the success to the practical work the students are involved in throughout their stay at Niagara College.

Epilepsy scares, few understand

People are afraid of epileptics because they don't understand what epilepsy is, Louise Robertson, a free lance writer, told Niagara College social services students.

She showed the students a film, Brainstorm, which she produced containing interviews with epileptics who explain what they experience during an epileptic seizure. Miss Robertson is the main subject of the film and has interviews with her parents who tell about Miss Robertson as an epileptic child.

The film also explained what an epileptic seizure is, the causes of a seizure and how to handle a person having a seizure.

An epileptic seizure is an electric charge in the brain.

When confronted with a person having an epileptic seizure, don't panic or walk away. Stay calm and allow the seizure to follow its course. Don't touch the patient but move obstacles out of his way so he won't injure himself.

Never put an object in his mouth to prevent him from swallowing his toungue. It is dangerous and usually causes injury. Simply roll the person on his side so the tongue will lie against the cheek, thereby keeping the air passage clear.

Miss Robertson is a 35-year-old Brock University student. She taught a night course in creative writing at Niagara College in 1975 and '76 and is a free-lance writer for a number of newspapers and magazines.

She said some of history's greatest people were epileptics. She has written a book called Socrates, Caesar and Me which will be released in a few months.

"The thing that helped me the most was the people who treated me as a reasonable human being and an equal," Miss Robertson said.

ERT buttons raise $700

In addition to hospital expenses, parents of children being treated for cancer-related diseases, are burdened with hotel expenses.

Niagara College's Education Resource Technician (ERT) students raised more than $700 towards a house that provides cheaper accommodation for parents encouraged by hospital staff to stay with their children.

Pat Millington, a Niagara Falls mother whose son has leukemia, inspired the ERT students to sell buttons for Ronald McDonald House, Elvira Lucas, ERT program co-ordinator, said.

Ronald McDonald House, 356 Dundas St., Toronto, is within walking distance of the Sick Children's Hospital.

Parents will be charged a maximum of $7 a night if they can afford it.

The money raised by ERT students will go towards renovations and furnishings of the house, Mrs. Lucas said.

Ronald McDonald House — a house that symbolizes fun and good times — has 24 bedrooms, kitchen, family room, play room, and laundry room.

The house was open in the fall, but now is expected to open in April.

Visiting poets steal fire from heaven

Niagara College received a welcome taste of literary culture when Canadian poet Miriam Waddington and Welsh poet Tony Curtis visited the college April 16 to share their poetic works.

Mrs. Waddington is familiar to some students as she has visited the college on three other occasions.

Mrs. Waddington who teaches English at the University of Toronto, read a sampling of her poems, ranging from light-hearted frustration in Sad winter in the Land of Can. Lit., to more serious emotion expressed in poems dealing with love and divorce.

"The pleasure of poetry is fooling around with language," Mrs. Waddington said, and, regarding the poetry reader, "If you're not somewhere at the end of the poem that you weren't at the beginning, then the poet has failed."

Last year, Mrs. Waddington participated in a 10-day exchange program in Wales; this year, Tony Curtis came to Canada for 10 days.

Mr. Curtis, who teaches in a Welsh college, started his lively reading session with an attention-getting poem on the CN Tower as a phallic symbol.

Many of the poems he read were highly personal, and he commented: "Poets are thieves. They steal experience from their own bodies."

A case in point is Mr. Curtis's poem, My Father in Pembrokeshire, a moving account of his father's death from cancer. "...you say, feel my neck — and the growths blossom along your throat under my fingers."

Mr. Curtis has received many awards including the Young Poets prize in 1974, and the Dylan Thomas memorial prize in 1978.

Microcomputer system loaned to Niagara College

A microcomputer system, for student use, has been loaned to the College's mechanical/ civil division.

The computer, known as "PET" 32K, was loaned by Commodone Business Machines in Toronto, until the end of the term to support practical research into the Computer Based Learning-Thermodynamics program.

The computer gives answers from which students can draw conclusions. More depth into a subject can be explored so greater research can be done, Bert Mills, teacher in the division, said.

The computer has a dual-drive system and a high-speed line printer for effective usage.

Students use the capabilities of the computer to better understand the performance and characteristics of engines. Rather than doing simple problems by hand, the computer can be made to change variables continually and output information to give a total picture rather than one tiny corner as in the usual practice, Mr. Mills said.

Immediate data, good editing, and efficient lab reports are some reasons the students use this computer. The machine is far superior to what the department has now, Al Bering, a second-year machanical technology student said. "I wish we had more access to computers of this sort."

Dennis Pagazin, a second-year mechanical technology student said, "Much of the equipment is outdated and should be replaced."

Woman machinist finds man's world challenging

Retraining graduate Leah Lunt has found stepping into a man's world to be an exciting and challenging experience.

Mrs. Lunt, who has never worked in a factory, was recently hired by Fleet Industries, Fort Erie, for a position as a numerical controller. She was accepted for the postion on the basis of the machine shop course she completed at Welland Vale, and an aptitude test she wrote for the company.

The job, operating a numerically-controlled milling machine, considered by most machinists to be a "prize" position. Mrs. Lunt said she was rather surprised to get the job, as she had expected to work in the machine shop first.

Although her actual job is that of a machinist, she works with all computerized equipment, and is the only woman in an 18-person department.

"The men found it a little uncomfortable at first," Mrs. Lunt said, "But I didn't care and I think they are used to it now."

Mrs. Lunt, who has two children, age 17 and 14, said she "loves the job and the pay cheque."

ENTERTAINMENT

Contemporary music composer forms versatile new Hyjinx

By DIANA BURI
and MARY FAZZALARI
Staff Writers

In the late 50s, five enthusiastic young men joined together to become the Silver Beatles. "To the top, to the very top," became their motto. They were dedicated, talented and ambitious and they knew what they wanted.

Christopher Bessette, 19, first-year radio/television student, and two friends, Dave Thibault and Brett Jenkins, formed the band Hyjinx because they know what they want—they have a common goal.

"Everybody that has a band has a dream—making records, touring, reaching for the top," Chris said.

"The music business is a hard business to break into because there is so much competition, but the band is young and we all have a passion for music."

After playing with several bands the last few years, Chris said Hyjinx "is the band" he hopes to succeed with.

"I don't see any problems with the band. We're not only musicians, we're also very good friends. We all have the same musical tastes and we all want the same things for Hyjinx."

Chris, who plays lead guitar for the band, said he has never had a formal guitar lesson.

"Some guy in Welland showed me some chords and I just picked up from there," he said. "It's the same for Brett and Dave too."

A self-admitted romantic, Chris said he writes songs.

"I've written about 20 (songs) alone. Most of the ones I write are soft." Someone Like You and Now and Forever are two of his songs; the titles speak for themselves.

As a group effort, Hyjinx has written at least "half a dozen" songs, Chris said.

"We're always working on new ones because it's so important to have your own material."

CHRISTOPHER BESSETTE
(Photo by Buri)

Another asset to the five-month-old band is their public announcement system.

"We own all our equipment which is a major plus to any band," Chris said speaking of their $4,000 sound system. "We worked for this band."

The band, being flexible in its musical abilities, can play anything from Beatles songs to the progressive rock of Genesis.

"We do all (kinds of) music," Chris said. "You have to make money to make music." Chris said the versatile band can play at weddings as well as dances.

Chris, Dave, who plays drums, and Brett, bass guitar, set aside four nights a week to practise. Not quite the sophisticated studio of New York or Los Angeles, Chris' Thorold-home basement serves the band's purpose.

"My parents are 100 per cent behind us, so are Dave's and Brett's," he said. "My dad works shifts and some nights we'll be practising and he'll sleep tight through. He doesn't mind."

Along with a full schedule at school, band practice and song writing, Chris also manages to keep a part-time job.

"It's not easy," Chris said. "You get tired with all the work at school, the band and the job. You really get loaded down but every once in a while you get a free night. It's hard but I manage to keep my head above water.

That's dedication.

Student disc jockeys spread dance fever

By VITTORIA MISITANO
Staff Writer

Dance fever has spread like wildfire throughout the nation; Welland is no exception. Temperatures rise to the pulsating beat of new wave and rhythmic blues.

Is it contagious? Yes, but there is a cure any doctor of music would prescribe — CM Connection, disc jockeys who create a night-time magic of fun and dance at parties, graduations and stags.
parties, graduations and stags.

By day, John Chiocchio, 19, and Tony Mammarella, 19, are Niagara College students searching for that stairway to success. But by night, with the help of Steve Lucescu, 20, and Brian Jagersky, 20, they not only liven up dances with recorded music, ranging from punk rock to polkas, but they also raffle off a variety of prizes — including Brian for a date — and make certain everyone is having fun.

The group was founded last year by John, second-year Radio/TV student. Working as a disc jockey for the Atlas Hotel gave him the experience he needed to start on his own. As for the name, "it was Tony's idea," John said. Soon, business increased and Steve was hired as a lighting technician.

"Working with the group gives me a chance to gain practical experience," Steve, a Niagara College electronic engineering technology student said. "I construct a lot of the lighting equipment we use."

Brian, a Brock University student who teaches karate and kick-boxing in Port Colborne, was hired later as head of security and public relations.

"I enjoy the advertising and promotional activities; it gives me the chance to meet people," he said.

Caught the fever yet? Don't worry, CM is here to bring those good times back to life.

What's Cookin'?

Niagara College is offering a four-hour seminar on microwave cooking in the Black Walnut building on May 9 at 10 a.m.. The fee is $5 plus materials.

The seminar will deal with the techniques of successful microwave cooking. Included is information concerning the advantages and disadvantages of microwave ovens. Also, similarities and differences between microwave and conventional cooking will be discussed.

Emily Bright, a former home economics instructor, who will conduct the seminar, said many people are afraid of the microwave ovens. However, there are types and ways of cooking that people "would never dream of doing" in a microwave oven. In fact, many are unaware foil acts as a shield in the microwave and "keeps the crispness in."

The seminar will concentrate on the types of "recipes that people can go home and apply to their own environment," Mrs. Bright said. Roast beef, cereal, chili, hors d'oeuvres and a dessert will be prepared during the seminar.

Mrs. Bright said she will attempt to inspire the confidence people need to use their microwave as an oven, rather than a bun warmer.

COMPUTER SYMPOSIUM

Eight Niagara College students recently attended a Micro-Electronic Computer Symposium in Ottawa. The symposium included representatives of industries, who made a presentation, and gave students a chance to meet officials about job opportunities.

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Home movie centre top films for rent

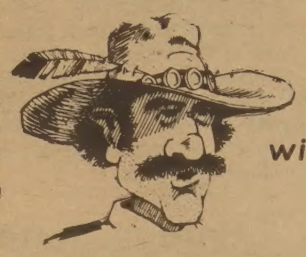
A new aspect has been added to the video wars being fought by the producers of video cassettes. Besides games, top film titles are available at the TV Movie Centre, Highway 20.

The titles offered include both new and old releases. Some of the older films include The African Queen, and Barefoot in the Park. Newer titles feature John Travolta's cinematic debut in Saturday Night Fever, Clint Eastwood's Dirty Harry, and the movie that stunned millions of thrill-seekers, Jaws.

The cassettes are available for $6 to $16 a night, and machines will be available for rent for $40 a night, or $65 a weekend.

The centre has a special VIP club, where members can rent the movies for half price, but since members generally have their own machines, there is no discount for them.

A membership costs $50 a year.



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Frankenstein and Beethoven, a frightful combination

By ANNE BOKMA
Staff Writer

While a full moon gleamed over Welland on April 20, a hideous creature was created and came alive to frighten, delight and cause the audience in the Theatre Centre on Empire Street to squirm in their seats.

From April 20 to April 25, the theatre students of Niagara College performed the play, Frankenstein, adapted from Mary Shelley's famous novel, under the direction of John Rapsey, co-ordinator of the theatre arts program.

The opening scene presented the audience with the creation of the monster. Dr. Victor Frankenstein, played by James Ridyard, created his monster through the aid of graveyards and local morgues — his warehouse for spare parts. Electronic bolts and charges accompanied by surgical apparatus aided the realistic creation.

The music of Beethoven whispered through concealed speakers and rose to tremendous peaks at crucial moments in the play with thanks to Phil Phelan, designer.

The creature, played by Deryck Smith, was a formidable and horrific character, with a face that resembled tattered rags roughly stitched together.

Dramatic effects were stupendous. Rain, thunder and lightening complemented the enactment of the horror story.

Both the costumes and the setting elegantly brought the audience back to the romantic era of the early 1800s.

BEGS TO DIE

The dejected creature returned to Dr. Frankenstein and asked his maker to destroy him — he no longer wanted to live among inhumane humans who rejected him because of his appearance.

James, as the creator of the monster, was heartrending as he portrayed an emotionally disturbed and sinister character who was at the same time pitiful and likable.

Under the direction of Mr. Rapsey, the students combined their talents that shone forth in a production that amazed the audience. Mr. Rapsey's aim in recreating this classic tale was to depict the suffering of Frankenstein and present his evolution from innocence to monstrosity because of man's inhumanity, he stated in the program.

When the creature views the tender love between a man and a woman, he discovers a reason to live and begs his master to create a bride for him.

Celena LaForce, as Frau Frankenstein, suffered a realistic and pitiful death upon seeing the monster that her son created.

Henry, Dr. Frankenstein's truest friend, played by Steve Ward, deserves acclaim for his convincing acting and dramatic death suffered at the grisly hands of Frankenstein.

Jeniva Berger from Scene Changes magazine was a special guest at the Theatre Centre on opening night.

Lorraine Hasick did an excellent job in portraying Justine, a gypsy unjustly accused as a murderer.

LAST SCENE

The last scene presented a tragic picture of Dr. Frankenstein weeping over the death of his bride who was slaughtered by his creature. He admits his sin saying, "I killed them all" — for the murderous monster was created by his hands.

The remainder of the cast contributed greatly to the believability of the story. Sophie the flustered maid, played by Beverly Kreller, was everything a maid should be: meticulous, devoted, doting and likable. Brian Vogt as Ernst was an authoritative figure as the inspector. The Bride of Victor Frankenstein was the final major production of the theatre students for this term.

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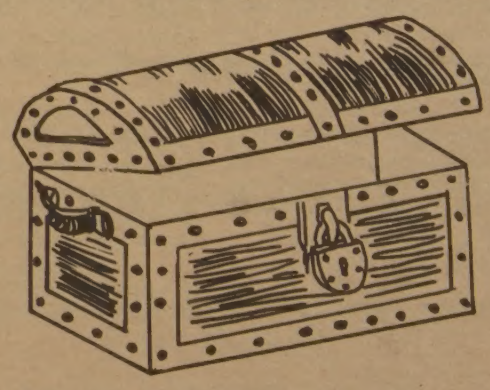

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Modern technology confuses news stories

The most frightening thing that can happen to a country almost happened to the United States last month: an assassination attempt was made on the president.

Every major television and newspaper network was there on the scene, live, and within minutes most people in North America knew about it. False rumors, commonly known as bad journalism, were reported as fast as the media could get hold of them.

One report said the president was uninjured, another that he was on his way to the White House. Finally it was reported that Ronald Reagan was in surgery for the removal of a bullet. James Brady, the press secretary, was dead, the media said.

The major problem is that technology is so fast that before a story can be checked, the reporter is already live on the scene, in front of a camera, Bill Cameron, anchorman for City TV, said.

Mr. Cameron spoke to radio-television students at Niagara College April 16 about his experience as an anchorman and some of the problems related to modern journalism.

AUDIENCE SKEPTICAL

A lot of people will stop watching television because they can't believe much of what they are told, Mr. Cameron said.

Then the old rules of journalism will begin to apply again. Reporters will search for two or three sources of the facts before they report them.

There's not much to reading the news if everything goes according to plan, Mr. Cameron, who reads the news every evening at 10 oclock on Channel 79, said.

An anchorman earns his money when things do go wrong.

As technology improves, news can be fed to the station closer and closer to deadline. An effective anchorman must be able to sort the information and put it in order, he said.

Mr. Cameron spoke to RTV students on the value of formal training. Although school gives the student a chance to absorb the principles of his field and allows him to make a mistake without "the hounds of hell coming down on him...he has to be able to think as well as apply the principles."

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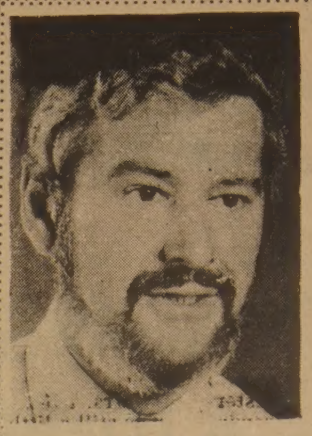
Helen Palmer prefers to work with oil. Her paintings received much praise, particularily one of Mrs. Palmer's younger brother.

"His eyes just seem to follow you around, no matter where you go," one guest said.

Mrs. Palmers's paintings sell in the range of $250.

She has been an instructor of pottery at the college for the past three years.



JAMES ROSS

Former English instructor gets award for editorials

James Ross, former English instructor at Niagara College, won a first prize in the 1980 Western Ontario Newspaper Awards for editorial writing.

Mr. Ross, an editorial writer for the Hamilton Spectator, won for a three-part series called the Government Game.

The editorials dealt with the oil industry and predicted certain controls which appeared on the October federal budget.

Mr. Ross worked at Niagara College from 1968 to 1975. He taught English, creative writing, and was the unofficial co-ordinator of the first-year English courses. While on staff, Mr. Ross helped publish a book of short stories and poems written mostly by his creative writing students.

Social status matters not, child abuse knows no bounds

By ANNE BOKMA
Staff Writer

Child abuse. How often does it spring up in conversations only to be dismissed with a sullen tsk tsk, or "How can people act like animals?"

Be forewarned. Child abuse is a disease found not only in poverty areas and overcrowded cities, but possibly in your own backyard.

According to the Chief Coroner's Office Statistics from 1970 to 1975, 3,249 cases of child abuse were reported in Ontario. Out of this number, 348 charges were laid and 78 convictions obtained.

The Family and Children's Services or Children's Aid Society (CAS) reported that in the past year there have been 225 cases of alleged child abuse in the Niagara region. Actual abusers numbered 18.

Though families with all levels of income are susceptible to child abuse, higher income families are able to hire professional help and solve their problem more quickly than lower income families, Jeffrey Hawkins, social worker for the CAS in Welland, said.

"Mommie Dearest," a book written about actress Joan Crawford by her daughter, Christine, tells of the horrendous life Joan Crawford gave her children. Even those who seem to have all the riches in the world can be child abusers.

According to members of the Youth Bureau Division of the Niagara Regional police in Welland, most abused children are reported to the police by relatives of the abused child. In the past 1½ years, four or five cases of severe child abuse have been reported in Welland.

Branches

The CAS plays an important role in helping child abusers and their victims. There are branches of the CAS in St. Catharines, Welland, Niagara Falls, Grimsby and Fort Erie. The CAS collaborates with the Youth Bureau Division of the Niagara Regional police.

Mr. Hawkins explained that there are a number of steps the CAS can take to prevent further abuse of the already abused child. Social workers may work in the home with the co-operation of the family or they may be granted court permission to enter the home of the abused child to give counsel. The CAS is able to give temporary wardship for the abused child in foster or group homes. The most dramatic step is for the CAS to permanently remove the child from his abusive surroundings and let him be adopted. In the past year 85 battered children in Ontario were adopted.

The Emergency section in most hospitals (Welland included) keeps a record of the number of times a child has "burnt himself on the stove," or "fallen down the stairs." After a number of similar occurrences, the doctor is able to detect a potential case of child abuse, a doctor at Welland General Hospital said. It is obvious though, that the child goes through a considerable amount of damage before anything can be done.

Damage done

Joan Hastings, Niagara sociology co-ordinator, said parents who abuse their children should have their children taken away and placed in a safer environment. "Society leaves the child in the hands of the abusive parent too long and then the damage has already been done," she said.

The Child Welfare Act states: "Every person who has reasonable grounds to suspect in the course of the person's professional or official duties that a child has suffered or is suffering from abuse that may have been caused or permitted by a person who has or has had charge of the child shall forthwith report the suspected abuser to a Children's Aid Society." The fine for not conforming to the above law is $1,000.

Toothbrush swap; big disappointment

There was a poor turnout for the toothbrush swap held by dental assistant students, Tuesday, April 21, Sandra Stewart, dental assistant instructor, said.

Despite a display of tables set up in the Tecumseh Centre, Niagara College students showed no interest.

Dental Health Week prompted the toothbrush swap on Tuesday and Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Stewart said the reason for the poor turnout was lack of publicity.

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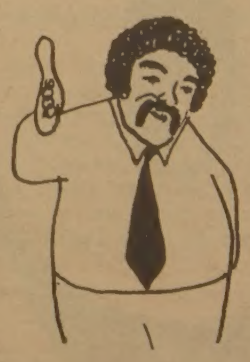

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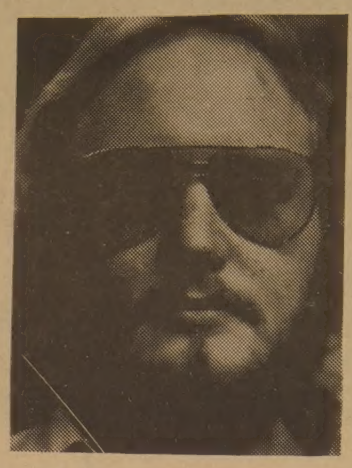
Student goes with the floe

By DOLLY KUSHMIER
Staff Writer

It could be a beer commercial. Every year when the ice from Lake Erie starts to flow down the Niagara River, Tim and the boys dust off their wet suits, grab a case of beer and spend the day swimming in the frigid waters and floating on icebergs.

Tim Foster, first-year general college student, said he and three or four of his friends have enjoyed the four-mile trip for the last three years and he considers it a good "spring sport."

There were only a few ice floes in the river last week, the 26-year-old Fort Erie resident said, but now that the boom across Lake Erie has been let go, it is much more dangerous.



TIM FOSTER

"It's dangerous when they let the ice boom go because you're swimming in the water you could get caught between two icebergs and they're sharp."

All of the participants are experienced frozen-water scuba divers and Tim does not recommend this sport to anyone who is not familiar with the possible dangers.

"We always go with a lot of people and usually have someone watching on the shore just in case."

Tim said a lot of other people watch them, too.

"Everyone thinks we're in trouble or stuck on the ice floe. People are always stopping their cars and getting out to look at us."

"Last weekend, the group went for its usual swim, but gave American authorities an unusual scare.

"We were swimming in the water and jumping off the icebergs when we noticed a commotion down the shore. It looked like there had been a tragedy and someone had drowned."

On the American shore, five police cars, three ambulances, a fire department rescue unit, the coast guard, Eyewitness and Channel Two News, were all anxiously watching the swimmers.

Realizing they were the cause of the excitement, the group swam to the piers under the International bridge where it informed the coast guard about the situation and resumed the swim.

"The funny thing was, out of all those people, not one of them had a pair of binoculars and could see we weren't in trouble," Tim said. "We even talked to a man fishing in a boat so they'd see we didn't need help."

The group had informed Canadian officials about its unusual sport in case anyone reported it as in danger, but since the swimmers remain on the Canadian side, American officials were not notified.

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Floor hockey

Welland Vale Campus held their floor hockey tournament April 25 at the main campus in Welland, Karen Coleman, secretary of the Welland Vale Student Senate, said.

The tournament involved students from Welland Vale and the main campus.

Olympic rowing team only stroke away

By MICHAEL JIGGENS
Staff Writer

Earning a spot on Canada's Olympic team isn't easy. It takes a lot of time, hard work, and dedication before even getting a chance to make the team.

Niagara College has in its midst a hopeful to represent Canada in the 1984 Olympic games to be held in Los Angeles.

Dianne Hartman, an 18-year-old cafeteria staff member at the college, was an oarswoman with Canada's junior national women's rowing team last year and is training to carry her position over to the senior team this summer.

DIANNE HARTMAN

"If I make the team, I'll be going to England to compete in the English Henley competition in July and then the world championships in Munich (West Germany) in August," Dianne said.

Last summer, Dianne shared a fourth place finish in the World Junior Championships in Belgium.

She began rowing three years ago while attending Denis Morris High School in St. Catharines where she did not lose a single race during her senior year last year.

SWIMMER FIRST

"I was originally on the swim team at high school and wanted to join the rowing team but my father wouldn't let me at first, then finally he approved of it," Dianne said.

It wasn't until last year that Dianne received national recognition and then shortly afterwards earned a spot on the junior team.

Her training schedule is extensive, "using up all my spare time." From now until June, she rows in St. Catharines nine to 12 times a week, works out with weights three times a week, and runs daily for 45 to 60 minutes.

During the winter months when the rivers are frozen, she continues to work out with weights and practises rowing on an ergometer, a machine which is just as gruelling as the real thing.

Dianne spent the March break in Philadelphia where she was able to practise rowing on ice-free waters.

Other training sessions have taken her to Boston, Mass.; Atlantic City, N.J.; and Amsterdam, Holland.

Dianne and more than 40 other hopefuls from across Canada will be tested in June before cuts are made to narrow the rowing team to 16 women.

Regional street hockey begins spring season

The Niagara Regional Street Hockey League opened its spring season last month with four divisions made up of teams from the area. The league was established two years ago with three seasons: spring, between March and May, summer, between June and August, and fall, between October and December.

Last year, Nardone Auto Body won the fall season championship and qualified to play in this year's Mylec National Invitational Tournament. The tournament will be played May 22 to 24 in Boston with 20 teams participaing. For a team to qualify, it must win a league championship. The top 14 teams from the previous year's tournament are automatically accepted, which leaves six more teams to be chosen.

WAITING, WAITING

Angelo Bruni, 21-year-old player for Nardone Auto Body, said the team is excited about playing in the tournament and hoping to be chosen. Teams will be notified in April.

Street hockey has basically the same rules as ice hockey. The only difference is in the penalty time served: a minor penalty is one minute and a major penalty is 2½ minutes. A hockey stick is used, but only plastic blades are allowed on the stick and a plastic ball replaces the puck.

OUTDOOR RINK

The street hockey rink is outdoors and has a plastic surface with honeycomb-like holes that allow the water to drain. The blue line is in the centre of the rink which means there is no neutral zone.

"Having no neutral zone makes the game more difficult because your teammates have to be on your side of the blue line before the ball is shot into the other team's zone. If a teammate is over the blue line first, off-side is called," Angelo said.

Three 10-minute stop-time periods are played in each game and the team with the most goals in the final period wins.

"Street hockey is a rapidly growing sport that is a lot of fun," Angelo said.

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Police shoot baskets, aid crippled children

The fourth annual International Police Basketball Tournament raised $1,500 for crippled children. The money will go to the Niagara Peninsula Crippled Children's Centre to help expand its System 80 audio-visual teaching system.

The Niagara Regional Police basketball team played host to the event which was held March 26-28 at Denis Morris High School in St. Catharines.

This year's Timmy for Niagara, eight-year-old Shawn Seburn, was at the games. Shawn represents handicapped children in this district for the 1981 Easter Seal campaign.

The 1981 campaign, sponsored by the Rotary Club of St. Catharines, is underway. The club is hoping to match the $80,000 raised last year. The campaign will finish with a walkathon on May 2.

Teams entered in addition to Niagara Regional were: Buffalo, Niagara Falls, N.Y., Metro Toronto, Hamilton-Wentworth, Akron, Ohio, and Detroit and Roseville, Mich.

Detroit beat defending champion Akron 103-65, continuing its domination of the tournament by winning its third title

Freshmen award winners

Eugene Stranges, mayor of Welland, presented freshman athlete of the year awards to, left to right, Don Nadeau, hockey; Betty Van Ruyven, basketball; and Terry Cushman, basketball.
(Photo by Jiggens)

Shoot-out concludes intramurals

Varsity and intramural athletics are over for another year at Niagara College but one sporting activity has only begun.

Shoot-out, a sport involving the skills of floor hockey, started another season of competition last week during the double lunch periods on Tuesday and Thursday.

Created in 1974 by Fred Bassi, assistant co-ordinator of athletics at the college, the sport begins its eighth season.

This year's league consists of five teams, each with one goaltender and one or two shooters.

The teams play three periods of shoot-out with one shooter of each team taking 10 shots at the opposing goalie using a hockey stick handle and a ring puck. If a team has two shooters, five shots are taken by each man.

In shootout, a shot is defined by anything that is not a goal. It is theoretically possible for a team to score an infinite number of goals in one period since it ends when one team has taken its allotted 10 shots.

Shots are taken 23 feet from the goal by the shooter who is allowed a 10-foot running start before releasing the shot.

The teams which registered for competition this season will play a round robin schedule before beginning playoffs at the end of the term.

Mr. Bassi is the only person to have played the full eight seasons. He, along with Ed Ordorico and Randy Kerr, is a member of the Canadiens, last year's champions.

Peter Rylander, left, co-ordinator of athletics, presented Al Aboud with a silver mug commemorating his retirement after 13 years as director of student services at the college. The presentation was made at the awards banquet. (Photo by Jiggens)

Students demonstrate kick-boxing techniques

By IDA BRUNI
Staff Writer

One might think it takes years to be ranked number one in any sport, but for Brian Jagersky, 21-year-old Brock University student, it took only one year.

Brian has been taking karate for seven years and earned a black belt after 3½ years. He started kick-boxing two years ago and after one year, he was ranked number one in the Canadian light heavy weight division. Brian is the number one contender for the Ontario middle weight kick-boxing title this year, and he still finds time for school, work and demonstrating karate.

Brian is in his third year of a four-year business administration program at Brock. He works part-time at the Brewers' Retail stores in the Niagara region, and his goal is to become regional manager after graduating.

Steve Lucescu, 20-year-old electronic engineering student at Niagara College, has been taking karate for four years and kick-boxing for one. He has a brown belt in karate, which is one belt away from black, and he also works at the Brewers' Retail. Steve assists Brian in the karate demonstrations, and he plans to continue the demonstrations even after starting a new job at a computer company in Toronto next month.

Brian and Steve hold their demonstrations at local high schools. Their next one is tentatively set for May at Eastdale High School in Welland. Their purpose is to create interest in the sport and to encourage self-discipline and good physical conditioning.

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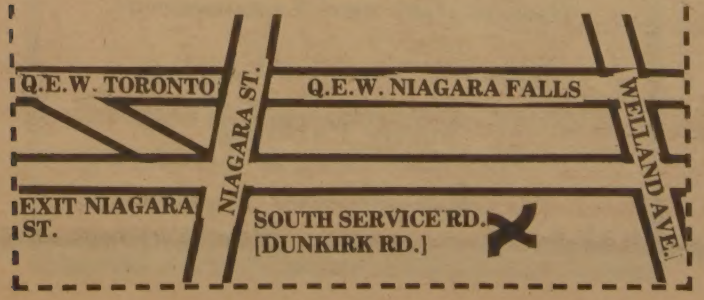

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SPORTS

College names 'athletes of the year'

Carolyn St. Angelo and Jim Voisin were named athletes of the year by the sports department at Niagara College's 12th annual athletic banquet held in the college cafeteria Thursday, April 15.

Carolyn, who played forward for the women Knights' basketball team, recorded an average of 16.7 points per game to help lead her team to a fourth place finish this year. She also won the most valuable player award. She said she's happy playing for the women Knights.

"Team-wise, you couldn't ask for a better year," she said.

Jim, a 20-year-old electrical engineering technician student from Welland, led the international collegiate hockey league, scoring with nine goals and 22 assists for 31 points.

"I was completely surprised to win the award," Jim said. "I don't really deserve it since I only played one sport."

DOUBLE WINNER

Jim was a double winner at the banquet, taking the most valuable player award in hockey.

Dave Patterson, a third-year veteran with the Niagara Knights men's basketball team, joined Jim and Carolyn winning a most valuable player award for his sport.

"It was emotional to win the award," Dave said. "It's the best award I've ever won."

Pete Rylander, athletic co-ordinator, called Dave "one of the purest shooters I've seen."

Six people, two from each inter-collegiate team, were given athlete of distinction awards and clock radios. The recipients from the women's basketball team were Francis Russell, one of the top three scorers of each game, and Carolyn St. Angelo. Paul Berstling and Lari Carter were the winners from the championship hockey team. The recipients from men's basketball were Dave Patterson and Harold Ross.

Freshmen awards for women resulted in a tie between Betty Van Ruyven and Terry Cushman, members of the basketball team. The winner for the men was Don Nadeau, goaltender of the championship Knights hockey team.

GOOD YEAR

Don said the year had been a good one for him and the league they played in was a good one.

"It'll be better when they add two more teams next year; one team is from Rochester," Don said.

Mr. Rylander said this year's banquet had the biggest turnout in history. He was pleased with the number of people participating in intramural sports but said more people are needed to participate in next year's tennis and badminton teams.

"I'm very proud of this year's athletes and especially proud of our hockey team," he said.

During the evening, more than 18 sports letters were awarded to college athletes. To earn a small athletic letter, a player must accumulate 40 points in two years. Athletes who accumulate 50 points receive an athlete of distinction plaque. These points, which range from zero to 25, are given by the coaches according to the athlete's ability.

MORE CHAMPS

This year's intramural champions were: the Fugitives for the ladies' volleyball and the ladies' floor hockey; the Blue Bombers, co-ed volleyball; Dekker's team, co-ed bowling; the Eraserheads, ice hockey; AC-DC, touch football; Tech in Training, floor hockey; the Raiders, men's volleyball, and the Renegades III, for men's basketball. Individual winners in intramural badminton were Francis Russell, Bob Czerlau, Lim Sing Cheong, Rod Spence, Carolyn St. Angelo, Rodger Baechler and Cindy Deterling. The intramural champion was Richard Roessner and the intramural champion for golf was Joe Meyers.

Each inter-collegiate team received an athletic pin; each intramural champion received a medallion.

A special non-athletic award was presented to Al Aboud who is retiring at the end of the term, completing 13 years of service to the college as director of student services. Mr. Rylander, who was master of ceremonies for the evening, presented Mr. Aboud with a silver mug on behalf of the athletic department and the Student Administrative Council(SAC).

"He helped us and guided us through the athletic association," Mr. Rylander said.

Al Aboud, back centre, retiring director of student services, presented athlete of distinction awards to, front row, left to right, Lari Carter, hockey; Francis Russell, basketball; Carolyn St. Angelo, basketball; and Paul Berstling, hockey. Back row, Dave Patterson, basketball; Mr. Aboud, and Harold Ross, basketball. (Photo by Jiggens)

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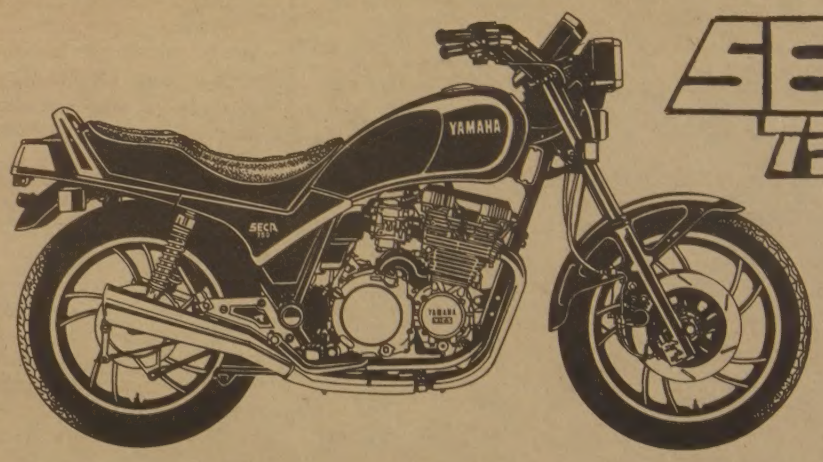

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